



RADLEY



Independent Boys' School of the Year 2026 Finalist

Radley has been named one of six finalists for the *Independent Boys' School of the Year 2026* award. The overall winner of this category will be announced at a ceremony in October.



180 new Radleians signed Radley's Code of Conduct on Wednesday evening in a ceremony attended by the Warden, Sub-Warden, Chaplain, Senior Prefect, Tutor, PHM and Head of Social. Introduced by the Warden on his arrival in 2014, every Radleian since has added his signature to this book's pages, showing their dedication to the College's core values.

As a Radleian, every boy pledges that they will:

Stand for what is right at all times.

Treat all members of the community with kindness.

Value and celebrate variety and difference.

Take an interest in the world around them.

Appreciate and embrace the opportunities they have.

Take responsibility for their own actions and performance.

Give of their best in all circumstances.

Always be determined to improve and willing to fail.

Show courtesy, respect and common sense in all they do.

Develop and demonstrate a sense of duty and service to others.

Parent Information

All Parents

Match Days

We will make every effort to publish all teams on [SOCS](#) the evening before scheduled matches. Please bear with us as late adjustments to selections may mean that teams change. If you have any doubt as to which team your son might be in or where and when he is playing, please check with him. For home matches, there is a map of the Radley pitches outside Round Pavilion which should help you find your son's team, or ask any member of Radley staff to help direct you. An online map can be found [here](#). Car parking is limited, please use Kennington Gate and the Golf Club car parks, both of which are close to the pitches. Please do not park on the grass around College.

Everybody is welcome to support matches. We pride ourselves on the warmth of Radley's hospitality to visiting parents, guests and match officials. Parents' match teas will be in the Round Pavilion. Boys may not attend this match tea in sports kit, so if you wish to see your son while he is in kit, please go to Coffee Shop.

You are welcome to bring dogs on to campus but please clear up after them using the bins provided, and keep dogs on the lead whilst on the pitches on match days; there is a footpath

Radley is a non-smoking campus; all visitors should adhere to this.

We hope that you will enjoy watching your sons play matches over the year. [\[info\]](#)

Recital Series Opening Concert

Join us as we launch the 2026-27 recital series with a fabulous recital of songs performed by acclaimed baritone Marcus Farnsworth and pianist Libby Burgess. The concert will include Vaughan Williams *Songs of Travel* and music by Schubert and Mahler. Find out more and reserve your tickets [here](#). [\[info\]](#)

Termly Parents' Prayer Meeting

Every term there is an opportunity for parents to meet with the Chaplain and staff to pray for the College and Christian activities at the school. This term's meeting will be just before the start of the exeat on Friday 25th September at 11am at 2 Cottage Orchard (left hand fork of main drive, just below Science Lecture Theatre). Coffee and pastries will be available, and the event will end in time for 12.40pm pick up. If you would have any questions about the event, please contact the [Senior Chaplain](#). [\[info\]](#)

Roman Catholic Confirmation Preparation

Weekly preparation sessions for the sacrament of Confirmation will begin for pupils in the Remove year and above. Sessions will run for half an hour after Social Prayers each Wednesday. The Confirmation service will take place at 5pm on Sunday 18th April 2027. [\[info\]](#)

Easter Tennis Tour to Vale do Lobo, April 2027

The Lawn Tennis Club will be holding a pre-season tour to Vale do Lobo on 6th-10th April 2027. The tour is for all age groups and is suitable for boys who are keen players. There will be expert coaching and competitive play as well as swimming and other sports.

This year, we are working with [5 Star Tennis](#) who have enormous experience with school trips. The tour will be accompanied by several senior members of staff. Please contact [Mr Ralph Woodling](#) for more information and to sign up. [\[action\]](#)

Family Clay Pigeon Shoot, Sunday 13th September

Radley parents and their families are warmly invited to the Radley College Beagles Clay Pigeon Shoot on Sunday 13th September. The shoot is enjoyed by boys and siblings of all ages and is ideal for meeting families with like-minded interests. There are prizes for winners and runners-up in six categories, and an Inter-Social competition. A letter from the shoot organisers is available [here](#). You can download the entry form [here](#). [\[info\]](#)

Chorister Recruitment

The Chapel Choir will be looking to recruit new choristers aged between 7 and 12 in the new year and Sam Gladstone, Precentor is always interested to hear of local boys with

Adding SOCS Sport

SOCS is a web app which allows you to access Fixture and Team Sheet information. The app, which is easy to view on your mobile phone, is a useful way of accessing all of the functionality of SOCS whilst you are on the go.

To add to your phone, go to <https://www.radleysport.org.uk>.

For an iPhone using Safari as the browser:

- At the bottom of the screen click on the 'upload icon' (a square with an arrow pointing up).
- Scroll down to select 'add to homescreen'
- This will create a shortcut straight to the SOCS page.

For Android using Chrome browsers:

- Click on the three dots in the top right corner.
- Select 'Add to Home Screen'
- This will create a shortcut to the SOCS page. [\[info\]](#)



Talking Heads: Inside the Teenage Brain



Monday 12th October - 6.30pm

What is actually going on inside the teenage brain? Why can a thoughtful, sensible boy suddenly take an extraordinary risk, react emotionally to something seemingly insignificant, or appear completely unmoved by something that really matters?

In the first of our *Talking Heads* webinar series this year, neuroscientist and bestselling author Dean Burnett joins Sub Warden, Niall Murphy to explore the fascinating science of

neurologically during these crucial years - and, importantly, how that insight can help us as parents. Expect an entertaining, reassuring and practical conversation about the challenges and joy of raising teenage boys.

A link to sign up to the talk will be shared in next week's *Bulletin*.

It has been quite a first week for the Shell year group. Orientation and inductions have quickly given way to the daily rhythm of lessons, sport and Social life, punctuated by good meals and Sunday evening's Tug-of-War, with A Social emerging as the overall winner. I have been hugely impressed with how your sons have settled into Radley life. They are finding their way around the campus remarkably successfully, with Coffee Shop and the legendary College Frappé already firmly established as a notable landmark. The first impressions from Social staff and dons are that the group is punctual, polite, keen and attentive in class, and, most importantly, they have a lively and supportive spirit of enthusiasm and kindness.

This week all the Shells signed the Code of Conduct, a formal and solemn acknowledgment of the values, the character, and the behaviour that the College expects from them. They were also quizzed by the Warden on their knowledge of the College motto and history, and they acquitted themselves admirably.

Shells have been enjoying the New Boys' Games Circus over recent days. 10 of the 14 sessions have taken place, with each Social trying their hand at a variety of sports, from Rackets to Real Tennis to Croquet, and of course, the revered Swim Test. Distinctions for excellence are being awarded more frequently as dons acknowledge the boys' achievements and efforts. For the keen rugby players, there has been exceptional effort put into training to get ready for their first fixture this weekend. Parents are welcome to come and watch and support as Midge rugby teams 1-4 play Epsom at home. You are also welcome to attend the Clay Pigeon Shoot on Sunday 14th September. Parents can take boys out for lunch after, but must return early afternoon. Please check for exact details with your son's individual Tutors. [\[info\]](#)

The Haddon Cup, Sunday 4th October

The annual Haddon Cup will take place in Theatre on Sunday 4th October. Parents are welcome to join us for the competition. Each Social's Shell group will perform an original ten-minute play, written and directed by 6.1 boys from their Social. It's always an entertaining evening! Please read [this letter](#) for more information. [\[info\]](#)

Dr Matthew Rumbold

Head of Shells

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Remove

Remove Spanish Exchange Barcelona February 2027

Thank you to those who have signed their sons up for the Remove exchange in February. We still have five places left so please do follow [this link](#) to sign your son up. Further information can be found in the [attached letter](#). [\[action\]](#)

Head of Removes

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Fifth

Dates for the diary

To aid your planning, I have provided a list of key dates for the Fifth form covering the remainder of the academic year. Any updates will be shared via *Bulletin*. Please make a note of these in your diary.

28th – 30th November 2026: Mock listening examinations (IGCSE French, German, Spanish)

11th – 15th January 2027: Phase 1 Mocks

18th January 2027: A-Level briefing for Fifths (boys only)

27th January 2027: A-Level options deadline

This is purposefully after the exeat so that you can discuss your son's choices with him over the weekend.

12th February 2027: Fifth form parents' meeting

Further details will be shared in due course, but the day will likely follow this format: Coffee from 11am, Talks from Head of Year, Deputy Head Academic and the Careers department, Lunch and Meetings with dons with the day finishing by 3pm.

1st – 10th March 2027: Phase 2 Mocks

IGCSE orals: Orals are scheduled to take place between 12th and 20th March, shortly after the second phase of mock examinations. Boys are already attending weekly practice sessions in the languages department and will sit a practice test before Christmas.

27th June – 2nd July 2027: Futures Week

Details will follow from the Head of Sixth form in the summer term. Boys will need to be back in Social by 7pm on Sunday 27th June. **[info]**

Mrs Jo De Ritter

Head of Fifths

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6.1

6.1 Parents Welcome Evening, Monday 28th September

There will be a welcome evening for all 6.1s and their parents on the evening of Monday 28th September. It will begin at 7.30pm in Theatre with talks from the Warden, the Deputy Head Academic and the Head of Sixth Form before a drinks reception and an opportunity to meet your son's Form Master. We hope as many of you as possible can attend. **[info]**

It's never too early to prepare for life beyond Radley. Our networking platforms connect your child with the Radley Community where they can seek advice on universities and courses, plan a gap year, ask for career advice, or explore entrepreneurial ideas. To enable this, your child needs your consent and support, find out more [here](#). **[action]**

Mr Tim Lawson

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6.2

US Universities Webinar for 6.2 Parents, Tuesday 15th September

On Tuesday 15th September US Universities Counsellor, Dr Maria Lebedeva, will be hosting webinars for parents of US university applicants in 6.2 year. The aim is to provide detailed information regarding the remaining steps, the logistics of the submission process, deadlines, and the support Radley will provide along the way. Please consider attending if your son is intending to apply to study in America. To accommodate parents in different time zones, there will be two webinars, but the content will be the same:

To access webinar 1 at 1.30pm - 2pm UK time, please click [here](#).

To access webinar 2 at 7pm - 7.30pm UK time, please click [here](#). **[action]**

Using Radley's Networking Platforms

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News



Tug-of-War

Shells went head-to-head in the annual Tug-of-War, with A Social claiming victory and L Social coming second. The Shells also enjoyed a rotation of activities including croquet, fives and rowing as part of Shell Games Circus.



Societies Fair

Covered Passage was buzzing with activity as boys explored the 64 societies on offer at this year's Societies' Fair. From the adventurous Sub-Aqua Club to the inventive world of Engineering, there was something to spark every interest and curiosity.



History Commendation

Steve (6.2, H) was commended by St Hugh's College, Oxford, in their global *Julia Wood History Essay Competition* for his investigation on the extent to which German defeat in the First World War marked a turning point in Chinese intellectual opinion of Germany around the May Fourth Movement.



Partnerships Talk

Fifths and 6.1s were given an introduction to the next year of Radley's nationally recognised partnerships programme with talks from a variety of professionals. Read the 2025/26 Partnerships Impact report [here](#).



Golf Competition

The first golf competition of the season was the West Sussex Invitational and a fantastic outing for the golf club's new recruits. OR Alex Wright (2005, E), assistant secretary at the West Sussex golf club, helped organise the event.



First Weekend of Rugby

It was wonderful to see the rugby pitches in action for pre-season fixtures against Warwick, Oakham and Cheltenham. The 1st XV and 2nd XV both claimed convincing victories against Warwick. The Junior Colts enjoyed a close game, while the Colts took part in a 'round robin' of training games. We now look forward to the start of the competitive season, this weekend.



RSB Teacher of the Year Finalist

Congratulations to Mr Noone for being shortlisted in the *Royal Society of Biology's Teacher of the Year Award* 2026. The winner will be announced at the Biology Week Awards Ceremony at the House of Commons on 14th October.

Confidence

6.1s Oska (D), Albert (H), Jack (K) and Seb (L) were excellent ambassadors for their Socials in their first Cooking with Confidence session. The boys tasted various condiments, preserves and spices before wrapping fresh figs in prosciutto, and loading them with St. Augur, before roasting them until they were soft, sweet and deliciously jammy.

Fixtures & Travel Information

We are always delighted to see parents supporting fixtures. Due to the dynamic nature of fixtures and venues, please check **SOCS** and speak to your son before making travel arrangements. Please keep dogs on a lead and pick up after them. Radley is a non-smoking campus.

Saturday 12th September

Badminton v Downe House

Rugby v Epsom

Rugby v Bloxham

Rugby v Wellington

Rugby v Cheltenham

Tuesday 15th September

Golf v Abingdon

Rackets v Marlborough

Rugby v St. Brendan's College, Buenos Aires

Thursday 17th September

Rackets v Cheltenham

Rugby v Cokethorpe

Squash v Charterhouse

Upcoming Events

Reset – an exhibition of works by the artists of Magdalen Road Studios and Associates.

4th - 24th September

Open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 1pm-5pm

Sewell Centre Gallery

Recital Series 2026/27 Opening Concert with Marcus Farnsworth & Libby Burgess

Monday 14th September, 8pm

Silk Hall

Book tickets [here](#).

Taiko Meantime

Thursday 24th September, 8pm

Theatre

Book tickets [here](#).

Latest Photo Galleries

We are grateful to all our professional, staff, and boy photographers who work hard to capture the true essence of Radley. As ever, all photographs are available to download from [Flickr](#).



Shell Tug-of-War



Shell Circus



Code of Conduct



Rugby v Warwick



Reset Exhibition



Societies Fair

Latest Videos



Summer Concert



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